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SUBJ: CONSERVATION REGULATIONS FOR ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA

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- 1. ALTHOUGH NATURE OF THE FISHERY, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE CONVENTION AREA, IS SUCH THAT SPECIAL REGULATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE INTENT OF ICCAT RECOMMENDATIONS, SEA FISHERIES DIVISION HAS RECOMMENDED NONETHELESS THAT SAG ADOPT REGULATION PROHIBITING CATCH OF BLUEFIN TUNA WEIGHING LESS THAN 6.4 KILOS. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES CONCURRED AND FINAL APPROVAL IS NOW PENDING WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. SEA FISHERIES ANTICIPATES PROMULGATION OF REGULATION IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE WITHIN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS (I.E. PRIOR TO AUGUST 10), AND WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INSURE ENFORCEMENT.
- 2. SINCE THE FISHERY WITH WHICH SOUTH AFRICA IS CONCERNED IS MAINLY ALBACORE (LONGFIN TUNA), AND BLUEFIN CATCH IS INSIGNIFICANT PORTION, SEA FISHERIES DID NOT RECOMMEND SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO FISH MORTALITY.

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EM FOREGOING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM GEORGE H. STANDER, TUNA COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH AFRICA, WHO IS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SEA FISHERIES. HE ALSO MADE COMMENT THAT SEA FISHERIES DIVISION IS GENERALLY OPPOSED TO CONCEPT OF LEGISLATION INCORPORATING TOLERANCES, SINCE THESE BECOME SUBJECTIVE IN APPLICATION, MAY BE CONFUSING, AND ARE CUMBERSOME TO ENFORCE. GAMON

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